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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MO

SUBJECT: MOROCCAN USE OF F-5S IN SAHARA

1. EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT MAKES IT CLEAR  
THAT MOROCCANS CONTINUE TO STATION F-5 AIRCRAFT IN WESTERN  
SAHARA. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU SHOULD REQUEST APPOINT-  
MENT WITH GUEDIRA IN WHICH FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE MADE.

-- AS THE SECRETARY INDICATED IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE KING,  
USG IS VERY PLEASED BY OUTCOME OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SAUNDERS' TALKS WITH KING. WAY APPEARS CLEAR TO OVERCOME  
PROBLEMS RELATING TO USE OF U.S. ORIGIN WEAPONS WHICH HAD  
TROUBLED NORMALLY EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONS.

-- DEPARTMENT NOW PREPARED TO INFORM CONGRESS THAT  
PROSPECTIVE AMENDMENT OF MOROCCAN-AMERICAN ARMS BILATERAL  
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TO AUTHORIZE MOROCCAN USE OF U.S. WEAPONS TO DEFEND  
MAURITANIA AND WITHDRAWAL OF F-5S FROM SAHARA WILL RESOLVE  
PROBLEMS IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP AND MAKE IT  
POSSIBLE TO RESUME ROUTINE CONSIDERATION OF ARMS PURCHASE  
REQUESTS.

-- CONGRESS NATURALLY WILL WANT TO KNOW WHEN THE F-5

AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE SAHARA. WE  
UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN WITHDRAWN.

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